

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following observations were made at Zerbst Airfield between 29 December 1952 and 16 January 1953:

29 and 31 December. No air activity was observed from the town.

1 January. Between 2 and 4 p.m., no flights were made, and no aircraft were observed in front of the hangars or on the usual dispersal areas.

4 January. Between 10 a.m. and noon, there was no air activity, and no planes were observed at the field.

5 January. In the morning, aircraft were observed in the air. A MiG-15 took off at 1:05 p.m., and another MiG-15 followed after about 2 minutes. The aircraft did not have auxiliary fuel tanks. Six MiG-15s were parked on the eastern end of the runway, and 2 MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars. There was an about 4/10 overcast at an altitude of 800 meters and a visibility of 2 km.

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6 and 7 January. No air activity was observed at the field.

8 January. Visibility was limited to about 1 km and the ceiling was at an altitude of about 500 meters. Air activity was observed in the morning, and a MiG-15 took off at 1:30 p.m. Shortly afterwards, a plane took off. Both aircraft were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. They landed at the field at about 2 p.m.

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10 to 16 January. There was no air activity except on 14 January between 10 a.m. and noon, and after 12:30 p.m. when MiG-15s were observed over the field. At 1:10 p.m., a MiG-15 without auxiliary fuel tanks took off. After the landing, this plane taxied to four additional swept-back jet fighters which were parked in front of the middle hangar. At 1:35 p.m., a MiG-15 approached from the west, flew half a circle over the field and then landed there. ¹

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2. About 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the field to the Gneisenau Kaserne on 8 January. ²

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1. Comment. [redacted] Zerbst airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments.

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2. Comment. The soldiers of the AA unit stationed at the field are possibly quartered in the Gneisenau Kaserne in Zerbst.

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